

LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps in Uttar Pradesh

5461. SHRI KESRI LAL:
SHRI SURESHANAND
SWAMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the districtwise number of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel retail outlets allotted in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years; and

(b) the number, out of them, allotted to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b).

		Total	SC
PG distributorships	-	92	15
Retail Outlet Dealerships	-	190	44

[English]

Dislocation of Trains

5462. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been dislocation of trains due to heavy rains in June 1991 on Bombay Suburban Section;

(b) if so, the loss suffered as a result thereof;

(c) the special facilities provided to the stranded commuters by the railways; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid dislocation of trains particularly during monsoon season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Such losses can not be quantified section-wise.

(c) Stranded passengers were cleared with the assistance of fire Brigade, BEST and the Naval Coast Guard. Catering stalls were kept open round-the-clock and special arrangements for refund of tickets at the stations were made.

(d) Desilting of drains, culverts etc. within Railway premises is completed by Railways invariably before the onset of monsoons. Bombay Municipal Corporation has been requested to improve the storm water drainage system in Greater Bombay so that the tracks do not get flooded during heavy rains.

Electronic Indicators at Thakurli Station

5463. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Electronic Indicators and Loud Speakers have been installed at Thakurli Station (Maharashtra);

(b) when these equipments were installed;

(c) whether these equipments are not under operation; and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Electronic Indicator was Installed in N o - vember 1990.

(ii) Loud Speaker (P. A. System) was installed in Oct. 1985.

(c) and (d). The equipments could not be operated during April to July, 1991 due to shortage of staff. They are being operated now.

[*Translation*]

Pay Scales of Group 'A' & 'B' Employees in Railways

5464. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD
SHRI PURNA CHANDRA

MALIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on May 5, 1989 to Unstarred Question No. 8305 and on April 28, 1989 to Unstarred Question No. 7567 and state:

(a) whether the First Pay Commission had recommended abolition of the cadre of Group 'B' (lower gazetted services) in case it may not be possible to differentiate between junior pay-scales and posts of Assistant grade officers;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to remove the disparity in pay scales of Group 'A' and Group 'B'; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The first Pay Commission had considered the question of amalgamation of Class I and Class II (subsequently designated as Group 'A' & 'B'). The majority of the members of this Commission were of view that it was desirable to retain the two classes and had recommended amalgamation only in those departments where the differentiation was not necessary or possible, either because of the mode of recruitment or because of the difficulty of distinguishing between the importance and responsibility of the duties performed by Class I & II Officer.

2. This issue has also been considered subsequently by the Second, Third & Fourth

Central Pay Commissions, who had not found any justification for such a merger, as the Group 'B' (Class II) posts mainly serve as promotional avenues for Group 'C' posts, whereas Group 'A' junior Scale posts are essentially for undergoing in-service training and for acquiring experience for occupying higher posts in the cadre. The Ministries/ Departments therefore continue to have separate scales for Group 'A' and Group 'B'. No change is contemplated in this position.

Group 'B' Officers in Railways

5465. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the department-wise and railway unit-wise and category-wise actual number of Group 'A' and 'B' officers working in the Railways against the sanctioned posts as on March 31, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

New Coal Deposits

5466. SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some more coal deposits have been found in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity of coal likely to be extracted annually from the new mines, location-wise; and

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMA GOUDA): (a) Coal exploration is continuously being carried out in the various parts of the country with a view to locating new coal deposits as well as detailed proving of the known coalfields for the purpose of planning of new mines. As on 1st January 1991, coal